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To the Chairman and Members
OF THE
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May, 1969.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health administration of Rishton for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	2,878.4
Rateable Value	£196,853
Estimated Product of 1d. Rate	£792
Population 1961 Census	5,431
Estimated 1967 Mid-year Population	5,530
Estimated 1968 Mid-year Population	5,610

Rishton is a compact Urban area whose chief industries are cotton, felt and carpet weaving, paper string manufacture, paper making, paint and varnish manufacture, slipper and shoe manufacture and plastic products.

VITAL STATISTICS

Death Rate (crude)	14.6
Death Rate (adjusted to National Rate)	17.0
Death Rate (area comparability)	13.9
Live Birth Rate (crude)	18.4
Live Birth Rate (adjusted to National Rate)	22.6
Live Birth Rate (area comparability)	20.8
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total births	46
Mortality Rate Malignant Neoplasms	3.03
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	—
Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	10
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	10

Deaths of Infants

Under 1 year of age	10
Perinatal Mortality	56

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during 1968.

Measles	3
Whooping Cough	1
Infective Hepatitis	1
Acute Meningitis	1

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Local Health and Welfare Services under the National Health and Assistance Acts are administered in Rishton by the Lancashire County Council No. 5 Health Division.

Miss J. Lord is the Health Visitor/School Nurse for the Rishton District and the following are the Services administered at the Child Welfare and School Clinic, 108 High Street, Rishton. Telephone No. Gt. Harwood 3177.

1. Child Welfare Clinic Each Tuesday afternoon.
2. Immunisation Clinic As and when arranged.
3. Orthopaedic Clinic 4th Wednesday each month
(as appointment).
4. Ophthalmic Clinic 1st and 3rd Friday by appointment.
5. Dental Clinic Each Monday and Thursday.
6. Physiotherapy Each Wednesday (all day).

Wherever possible appointments should be made before the Clinics (under headings 3 to 6) are attended, though the Dental Officer will attend to cases of toothache without appointment.

The County Midwives for Rishton are:—

Mrs. Phillipson, 2 Devonshire Drive, Clayton-le-Moors. Tel. No.: Accrington 31250.	Mrs. Hodgson, 50 Whalley Road, Gt. Harwood. Tel. No.: Gt. Harwood 2247.
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The County District Nurses for the District are:—

Mrs. Brandrick, The Bungalow, Wharf Street, Rishton. Tel. No.: Gt. Harwood 2540.	Mrs. Fielding, 2 Dorset Road, Rishton. Tel. No.: Gt. Harwood 2877.
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Mr. Waddington,
55 Cliff Street,
Rishton.
Tel. No.: Gt. Harwood 2495.

To obtain the Ambulance Service, ring Accrington 34834.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

	Total		Males		Females
Live Births — Legitimate	98	.....	52	.....	46
Live Births — Illegitimate	5	.....	3	.....	2
	<hr/> 103		<hr/> 55		<hr/> 48
Stillbirths — Legitimate	3	.....	1	.....	2
Stillbirths — Illegitimate	2	.....	1	.....	1
Deaths	82	.....	38	.....	44

POPULATION FIGURES OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS

				Registrar General's Estimated Figure		Births		Deaths		Births & Deaths Differential
1968	.....	.....	.....	5,610	.....	103	.....	82	.....	+ 21
1967	.....	.....	.....	5,530	.....	85	.....	97	.....	- 12
1966	.....	.....	.....	5,440	.....	82	.....	85	.....	- 3
1965	.....	.....	.....	5,400	.....	78	.....	88	.....	- 10
1964	.....	.....	.....	5,370	.....	83	.....	83	.....	—
1963	.....	.....	.....	5,440	.....	71	.....	84	.....	- 13
1962	.....	.....	.....	5,450	.....	97	.....	77	.....	+ 20
1961	.....	.....	.....	5,460	.....	82	.....	77	.....	+ 5
1960	.....	.....	.....	5,460	.....	71	.....	77	.....	- 6
1959	.....	.....	.....	5,470	.....	70	.....	66	.....	+ 4

SUMMARY CAUSES OF DEATH

						Males		Females		Total
Other Tuberculosis, including late effects						—	.....	1	.....	1
Malignant Neoplasms — Stomach	.....					2	.....	—	.....	2
Malignant Neoplasms — Lung, Bronchus						3	.....	1	.....	4
Malignant Neoplasms — Uterus	.....	.....				—	.....	1	.....	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	.....	.....				3	.....	7	.....	10
Hypertensive Disease	.....	.....	.....	.....		1	.....	—	.....	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	.....	.....	.....	.....		13	.....	14	.....	27
Other Forms of Heart Disease	.....	.....				3	.....	2	.....	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	.....	.....	.....			6	.....	2	.....	8
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	.....					2	.....	4	.....	6
Bronchitis and Emphysema	.....	.....	.....			—	.....	1	.....	1
Asthma	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	—	.....	1
Pneumonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	—	.....	4	.....	4
Other Diseases of Digestive System	.....					—	.....	1	.....	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	.....	.....	.....	.....		1	.....	—	.....	1
Nephritis & Nephrosis	.....	.....	.....	.....		—	.....	1	.....	1
Other Diseases, Genilo-Urinary System						1	.....	—	.....	1
Disease of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	.....					—	.....	1	.....	1
Congenital Anomalies	.....	.....	.....	.....		1	.....	—	.....	1
All other Accidents	.....	.....	.....	.....		—	.....	4	.....	4
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	.....	.....				1	.....	—	.....	1
						38		44		82

PUBLIC HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS, 1930

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the 31st December, 1968, as compared with 1967.

	Pulmonary			Non-pulmonary			Total		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
1968	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	1	2
1967	2	1	3	—	—	—	2	1	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Diseases	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	197	9	5	—	3
Ophthalmic Neonatorum	1	—	—	—	—
Acute Meningitis	—	—	—	—	1
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	1
Infective Hepatitis	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	—	—	—

In making this report I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and encouragement throughout the year, and other officials and staff for their friendly help.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. WEBSTER,
Medical Officer of Health.



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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the year ended 31st December, ~~1967~~

1968

Attention is drawn in the report to the fact that joint Water Service Pipes resulting in inadequate supplies at many properties is still a grave problem.

Each year now makes the problem of Refuse Disposal in the future more urgent.

The provision of tipping facilities for the General Public would appear to have been a failure. Even with the free facilities provided indiscriminate tipping still goes on in the area.

Yours faithfully,

S. PILKINGTON,

Public Health Inspector.

ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE

Improved water supply grants have still not been taken up by the public in any quantities at all. It is desirable that some scheme be introduced for the improvement of the pressure of water supply area by area.

The 29 houses at present served by two inadequate Septic Tanks are still awaiting the improvement of a Pumping Station so that they can be introduced to the main Sewerage System.

The modern disease of depositing unwanted articles on the nearest piece of waste land or in a back street is growing rapidly. Although the local tip is made available to the public seven days a week, the problem still grows.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The new Fore and Aft Tipper has been introduced to the House Refuse Service, and the greater bulk that the vehicle can deal with has been responsible for the maintenance of the service even though the number of pick up points and the bulk are increasing month by month. A further extension of the Paper Sack System has been made, and now a fifth of the township enjoys this type of service. The question of disposal of refuse is now becoming more urgent as the present tip nears completion. The new responsibilities under the Civic Amenities Act have thrown another load on the department.

FOOD PREMISES

There has been no introduction of any new Food Manufacturing Premises during the year. Frequent inspections have been made of existing food handling premises, and it is found that the ready co-operation given by the food handlers has readily maintained the standard.

MILK

Brucellosis has again been the principal item in dealing with the milk supply.

Fifty-five samples were taken during the year, three of which proved positive, two of these samples proved negative after a culture test, and the other animal has been removed from the herd. Unfortunately the final destination of this animal is not positively known.

SMOKE CONTROL

Work has commenced on the initial survey for zones two and three to be established in the area. The first zone came into operation during the year and is working satisfactorily.

HOUSING

Houses inspected for defects	43
No. of inspections made for the purpose	128
No. of Dwelling Houses not found in all respects fit for human habitation	19
No. of Dwelling Houses found to be unfit for human habitation	NIL
No. of Dwelling Houses rendered fit by informal action	21
No. of Dwelling Houses in respect of which formal notice was served	NIL
No. made fit by Local Authority after service of formal notice	NIL
Certificates of Unfitness applied for	NIL
Certificates of Unfitness granted	NIL
Certificates of Revocation applied for	NIL
Certificates of Revocation granted	NIL

STANDARD GRANTS

Applications submitted to Local Authority	64
Approved by Local Authority	64
Work completed	56

FACTORIES ACT 1937 AND 1948

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecutions
1. Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	—	—	—	—
2. Factories not included in (1) above in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	22	7	—	—
3. Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (exclu- ding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
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